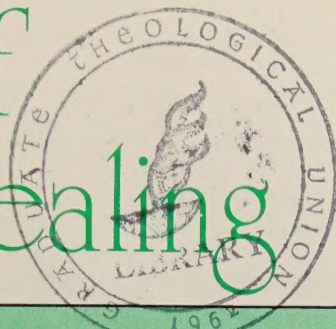




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“My Cup Runneth Over”

Testimony of Carolyn Dreyer

I thank God for two particular things that stand out in my mind as a child. One was listening to my father pray. The other was the joy of hearing mother read favorite Bible stories.

These two elements from childhood have remained vital throughout my life . . . prayer and God's Word.

Seeing many answers to prayer, my husband, Melvin, and I began to grow spiritually. Both of us had been taught, as children, the importance of God's Word. When our children were sick the natural thing to do was call an elder to come and pray, as taught in James 5:14-16. Many times we witnessed God's love, through healing, in answer to prayer.

One summer evening, July 14, 1961, our seven year old son, Jimmy, became desperately ill, after having been weakened by measles. Although it was after midnight, we called for prayer. As Elder Congdon knelt beside our living room couch praying, my son died in my arms. In that unlighted room I glanced up and saw a bright glow around a small picture of Christ hanging on our wall. Instantly God said “Don't be afraid, He's with me.” God's peace which passeth understanding surrounded me and, although minutes before I had cried “No Jimmy, no, don't die,” I knew now



he was safe in the arms of Jesus.

The day of Jimmy's funeral, both of our little girls, Judy and Nancy, were also extremely sick with measles. Judy's legs were black, as though every blood vessel in her legs had broken. A neighbor remarked “Oh dear, her legs will always be scarred won't they?” But, through God's mercy and continued prayer, both girls were perfectly healed.

With Jimmy's death a big part of myself died also. For the first time, my husband could not completely take my hurt, nor could I remove his.

One night a couple of weeks later when we couldn't sleep, Mel came into the room and said “Honey,

I've found a verse I want to read to you — it's our answer. ‘For God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think . . .’ That means God will take our thoughts too.” From the moment we prayed claiming that promise, we went to sleep and slept in peace every night thereafter.

Bible verses which seemed to loom before me were Proverbs 3:5 and 6: “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.” The little word “trust” became a tower of strength. Every time I felt myself sinking I reached up to grasp God's hand to steady me and help me trust Him. The power of prayer and God's Word were a daily living reality.

A few years later our third daughter, Cheryl, was born adding new joy to our home. Easter morning when she was thirteen months old, she screamed in pain as I lifted her out of her crib. If we didn't touch her she would lie quietly, but to lift her legs to change her or move her in any way caused intense suffering. Monday morning we took her to the hospital for an X-ray to see if she had a broken bone. When the doctor examined her he said, “I'm afraid it's more serious than a broken bone — you must leave her here for a spinal tap.

The tests proved she had spinal meningitis and over half of her blood corpuscles had already been destroyed. She couldn't sit, stand or even turn over.

At home I stood at my kitchen sink doing dishes and crying, "Oh God, I can't stand it if another one of my children dies — please help us!" That moment a Bible memory verse card which had been sticking up out of a little box on my window sill fell into my dishpan. As I lifted the dripping card out of the water I read "My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness!" II Corinthians 12:9a. Calling the church and friends I knew would earnestly pray, I went back to the hospital to be with Cheryl. After work, Mel came into her hospital room. As she saw him she got up on her knees and then pulled herself up and reached her arms out saying "Daddy." We looked at one another unable to believe what we saw. As Mel lifted her out of the crib carefully, she hugged him with no cry of pain. The following morning the doctor called us in and said, "A miracle has happened to this little girl. We've just taken another spinal tap and tested her blood and can find nothing wrong. She is perfectly normal; you may take her home." God had answered prayer.

Through other trying times I often said "I can take anything, as long as I have you Mel." To have a husband who loved the Lord, his children and me was everything I had dreamed of and life was beautiful again.

In February of 1966, God provided a way for us to take a trip to Jamaica, to visit Earl and Dorothy Minton on the mission field there. During our eight days visit, Mel's lifetime desire to be able to verbally express to others what Jesus Christ meant to him was fulfilled. Where he was frightened and could not express his feelings in front of others in church at home, God gave him many opportunities and a new freedom to share in the country churches in Jamaica. What a joy!

In October of 1966 I received a call from the hospital to come and sign my husband in because he was unconscious. After a week of

experiencing fear and concern, as well as assurance of love and prayer from many who helped stay beside Mel's bed around the clock, I learned to surrender my will to God's will. Again, prayer and God's Word were the strengthening force.

Sunday afternoon during the final day of Convocation, Overseer Lee ordained us as Deacon (in absentia) and Deaconess in the Christian Catholic Church with the words, from Revelation 2:10b, "be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." The following Wednesday night Mel received that crown when he went home to be with his Lord.

Friends and loved ones surrounded us that night but the greatest comfort came from hearing God's Word read. "I will *never* leave thee nor forsake thee." Jesus promised. Our family and friends had to leave to go to their homes and yet Christ never left. His presence was real — not just something you *want* to believe. I don't mean to make it sound like it was a beautiful or exciting experience — it hurt deeply. Seeing one of my girls run to her room sobbing, another just sitting, staring at everyone and crying inwardly and my baby girl looking at me with anxious little eyes not understanding what had happened, I felt sick and desperate inside.

Kneeling beside their beds to pray with them that night I was overcome with the thought, "Oh God, I can't be mother and father both — please help me." When I returned to the living room Elder Congdon said "Shall we pray together before I leave?" Then he prayed these words: "Lord, help Mrs. Dreyer know that you will be father to her girls and do for them more than their earthly father could ever do." Immediately God took my heaviest load and is still carrying it today.

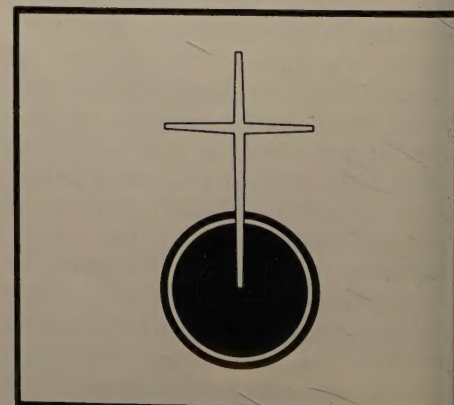
It is with praise and thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father that He has given us new joy and purpose in living. God has provided opportunities to each of us to serve Him in various ways and has met every need. Judy married David Cook, graduated from Greenville College and now serves as Overseer Ottersen's secretary. Nancy has completed one year at Greenville

College and plans to continue with a Christian Education major. Cheryl attends Waukegan Christian School where she will be in eighth grade. God has given exceeding abundantly above all we can ask or think and His admonition "be thou faithful unto death" is my daily reminder and prayer.

From the time I was a little girl I wanted to be a teacher. Because I could not attend college, I thought that dream would never come to fulfillment. God had different plans though, and through experience, rather than college, He has been my teacher and prepared me to teach. I thank Him from the bottom of my heart for his persistent love in guiding me to the opportunity of teaching my own children first, Junior High young people in Sunday School, Child Evangelism through Good News Clubs, and even 4-H Club girls to be efficient and godly in their homes. Truly, my cup runneth over!

One time when I was only a teenager, Overseer Mintern asked if anyone had anything they wanted to thank God for. I stood and thanked God for my Christian parents, a Christian husband and God's love to me. After the meeting, someone said to me "Oh yes, Carolyn, it's easy for you to stand and testify, you've always had everything you wanted!" I went home and cried. "Oh Lord you know I stood because I do love you. Please help me not to sound self-righteous and help me always to be willing to stand up for you, no matter what happens in my life."

I sincerely pray that sharing these personal experiences will meet need in your life or will encourage you to share your testimony of what God is doing for you.



Rick and Becky Anderson



**Our New Director of Youth
and Christian Education**

At the morning Worship Service on Sunday, June 5, General Overseer Roger Ottersen announced that Mr. Richard Anderson has been appointed the new Director of Youth and Christian Education.

Rick, his wife, Becky, and son, Jeremy, will be moving to Zion in July of this year. Rick grew up in Oswego, Illinois. He graduated from Oswego Community High School in 1971 where he had been active in sports. He met Becky during high school when her father took the pastorate of a Baptist church in Oswego. They were married August 11, 1973, and Becky worked as a secretary while Rick finished his college education at Greenville College in Greenville, Illinois. He graduated in 1975 with a Bachelor of Science Degree. While attending college he was

active on the cross country team and he coached a little league team for the church he attended. Rick has also served as a camp counselor and youth leader for junior high age students.

Upon graduation from Greenville College, they moved to Michigan and Rick took a position as a biology teacher at Southfield Christian School in Southfield, Michigan. He has coached track and basketball while there. During their first year in Michigan, Jeremy was born, and he keeps Becky very busy. Rick has just completed his second year of teaching.

Rick and Becky have desired to enter full time Christian work with young people and they are thrilled about the opportunity to serve the Lord here at the headquarters Church. They have committed their lives together to His service. We praise God for His leading and pray that He will bless in their new ministry.

Independence Day Address

July 4, 1976

By The Reverend Carl Q. Lee

NOTE: The following is an address given by Overseer Carl Q. Lee at the Bicentennial Celebration and pageant in Zion on July 4, 1976.

This day, which has been set aside for the purpose of celebrating the bicentennial birthday of our country, has been observed as Independence Day ever since July 4, 1776. It has always been a day when our heritage of freedom has been remembered.

We have been privileged here, to be in pageant and drama; to hear song, many of the salient elements that have gone into making our Nation great, and which have created the American way of life.

“The American way of life” embodies certain things that can be stated rather briefly:

1. It gives to the individual, freedom of action, thought, and speech, to the extent that it does not harm or violate the rights of others.
2. It gives to all, the right to worship God in accordance with personal conscience.



3. It gives to the citizens of this country, the right to vote — and in that right is the inherent potential to govern.
4. It gives to all, the right of property and the gainful and rightful use of that property.
5. It has brought into existence a form of jurisprudence and law enforcement that adjudges a person innocent until by due process of law he or she is proven guilty.

These things have come to us as our heritage, from our Hebrew-Christian tradition embodied in the Holy Scriptures, preserved and nurtured in western civilization, and bringing to America today, the greatest material wealth and power that any Nation at any time in history has ever enjoyed.

Two great dangers assail “the American way of life” in our day. One is from without . . . envious, power-seeking, freedom-hating people and Nations seek to subvert or destroy our precious heritage. Confronting this danger, and responding to our Country’s call, fellow Americans have given their lives for the freedom we enjoy.

In the respect we pay our veterans, we but feebly express our gratitude as we commemorate our independence as a Nation. In a sober, balanced and continuing vigilance in the protection of these freedoms, we shall in a far better way insure the continuance of this precious heritage.

The second danger with which we are confronted is from within,

which, paradoxically, grows out of the tremendous material blessings we have received. As wealth, and power, and material strength, have come to us, we have become blinded to the fact that these blessings are essentially the gift of Almighty God, and we are prone to boast that by our own strength we have gained our position in world affairs. Have we become so deeply enamored with the things that our individual and national wealth has brought us that we have lost sight of the deeper needs of the spirit? Is there a failure of discernment within us resulting in the belief that in all the abundance of material things we enjoy, we find the full supply of life's needs? In this terrible resultant materialism, have we lost sight of God? The still, small voice that speaks in every human heart, and calls us to worship and to the service of God and to the needs of our fellowmen, has been almost drowned out by the false and siren call of material things that bring us physical comfort and pleasure. These have become so dear to us that many of us have sacrificed the more needful spiritual quality of life, to garner more and more material wealth. We find it increasingly difficult to understand, and we fail to heed the saying, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven."

Have we gone so far in the hungry pursuit of material things that we have forgotten the basic command of God *to love people more than things*? Beyond our own shores we have taken our philosophy of materialism to those less abundantly blessed than we, and we are startled and surprised that our gifts do not buy respect and friendship, forgetting that the human heart needs mercy, compassion, and love — more than guns and tanks. It is far past time that we awake to the terrible danger to our liberties that has arisen out of our enslavement to materialism. It is past time that America should come to the realization that there is no substitute for God, and that we cannot "serve both God and mammon."

It is past time that we come to know that it is only with faith in

God that we can walk with assurance, and unless this Nation comes to an understanding and recognition of the terrible danger that confronts us in the insidious encroachment of materialism, we shall find ourselves not only enslaved by things, but we shall find ourselves weak and incompetent to face the eager enemies without.

It will be only through repentance and a continuing remembrance of God's love and mercy that has preserved us thus far, that we will overcome this most terrible of all enemies within ourselves. God help us to remember and heed the solemn warning contained in Rudyard Kipling's "Recessional".

RECESSIONAL

Rudyard Kipling

God of our fathers, known of old
Lord of our far-flung battle line
Beneath whose awful hand we hold
Dominion over palm and pine —
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget — lest we forget!

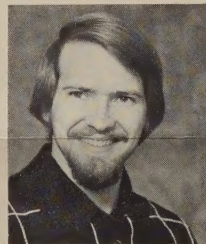
The tumult and the shouting dies —
The Captains and the Kings
depart —

Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice,
An humble and a contrite heart.
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget — lest we forget!

Far-called, our navies melt away —
On dune and headland sinks the
fire —

Lo, all our pomp of yesterday
Is one with Nineveh and Tyre!
Judge of the Nations, spare us yet,
Lest we forget — lest we forget!

Appointment of Music Coordinator



On June 5, 1977, General Overseer Roger W. Ottersen announced that the Christian Catholic Church will soon have a new staff member in the person of Timothy Allen. He will serve the church as Music Coordinator on a part-time basis.

Tim Allen attended elementary school in Zion and graduated from Zion Benton Township High School in 1972. He graduated from Trinity College in Deerfield, with his B.A. in 1976, with a voice and music education major. He has also taken studies in the School of Piano Technology, finishing this work in June of 1977. Tim began to serve as music instructor at Oak Crest Junior High School in the fall of 1976.

Tim is the son of Dr. and Mrs. William Allen, who reside in Zion. For a number of years he served as the director of the "Soul Concern" musical organization which was comprised of young people from a number of Lake County Evangelical churches. They

presented sacred musical concerts in various locations. Tim was married in April of this year to Jane Suttie, also of Zion. Jane attended Moody Bible Institute and is finishing up her college work at Trinity College in Deerfield.

Tim and Jane will both be teaching in the Zion Conservatory of Music this fall. Jane is giving vocal instruction and Tim is offering study in classical guitar.

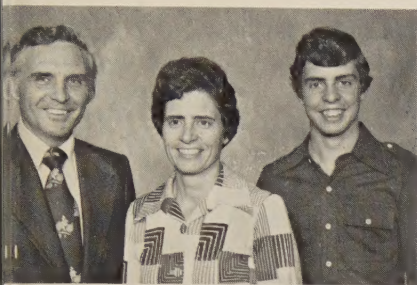
As Music Coordinator for the Christian Catholic Church, Tim will be responsible to coordinate the evening Vesper Service music program and will be of great assistance in this ministry. He will also be organizing and directing a high school choir for the church. His responsibilities will also include the coordinating and scheduling of the five other church choirs in the church program.

All who know Tim are deeply impressed with his commitment to Jesus Christ and to good quality in Christian music. The fellowship of the Christian Catholic Church looks forward to many opportunities of continuing outreach ministry with Tim and Jane as they serve the Lord with their musical abilities. Tim will begin his ministry with us officially in the month of September.

MISSIONS

For Praise & Prayer

"So we ourselves ought to support such people . . . to be fellow workers with them in the truth." III John 8.



ANGOLA, AFRICA

On June 5th, Darrell and Barbara Hockersmith left O'Hare airport to return to Angola, Africa, as missionaries under the Africa Evangelical Fellowship. Darrell and Barbara are associate members of the Christian Catholic Church and have been a great inspiration and blessing to our township during their residence in town since February, 1976, when they were forced to leave Angola because of the war. Paul Hockersmith, nearly sixteen, will remain in town with Rev. and Mrs. Earl Hinton, to further his education.

Word has been received from them stating that they have arrived at their station in Lubango, where they are to set up a health clinic. An apartment, formerly used by another missionary family, was available to them and though vacant for a year, still contained the stove and refrigerator, really a marvel of God's provision. By the help of a friend, they were able to ship their luggage in duty-free — another matter of praise to God.

Because of critical shortages of almost everything, pray that they may be able to purchase needed food and other necessities. Pray for health and strength, for transportation needs, and most of all for a fruitful ministry.

Gifts toward their support and transportation needs may be sent to the Christian Catholic Church and designated for them.

They would be greatly encouraged by a letter. Their address is:

& Mrs. Darrell Hockersmith

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AFRICA

An interesting letter was recently received from Jack and Flora Loshbough from which I am quoting three paragraphs. Flora Loshbough is sister to Ov. Clark Offner. Brian Loshbough, serving for one year, is being partially supported through the Adult Sunday School classes.

"Other encouragements have been the beginning of Sunday Schools in sixteen villages as the Lord convinces some laymen of the spiritual needs of their children. Instructing teachers, providing local material for these Sunday Schools as well as refresher courses keeps us busy too. Almost all of the deacons have had six weeks of extension course lessons learning the ministry they have been called to do for Him."

"The Loshboughs are all rejoicing as five of us are together here in Zaire. Brian arrived on May 23rd to serve the Lord here for one year. Sharon has just about completed a year here of working in the Ubangi Academy as dorm helper with forty-two missionary children — working hard to satisfy the appetites of all. She has really enjoyed this work and returns to the USA in June and to Moody Bible Institute in the fall. It has been wonderful to have her here. Brian will be working at Tandala and possibly Gemena helping with building, maintenance and teaching P.E. and perhaps other subjects. Carol is busy at school with music, plays, school work and when home, is a terrific cook and pastry maker. Continue to pray for Jan and Kim as they prepare for the Lord's service."

"We have taken over direction of Emmaus Bible correspondence courses for Equator Province. Over 2800 students are enrolled in the courses for which we will be supplying materials and awarding certificates. Please pray for the un-

settled conditions in this country. Although our support was complete, another raise in the schedule as of April shows us lacking \$37 monthly. Another opportunity to call on Him.

ANGOLA, AFRICA

Dr. Bob Foster
Hospital de Kalukembe, C.P. 29
Kalukembe, via Lubango
ANGOLA, AFRICA

Dr. Bob Foster, writing recently from Kalukembe, Angola, stated that the area where he is serving has been free from bloodshed, but curfews, passes, restrictions on travel, controls on the roads, car and home searches, shortages, all make them realize that they live in a very troubled land.

"In spite of all this, the number of patients continues to increase until at this time we have about three thousand people from all parts of the country camped about the hospital. It looks like a national park full of summer campers — minus the trailers and motorhomes. Long lines of waiting patients, the constant clamor for attention, the ever growing surgical lists (100 now awaiting surgery), the overflowing wards are all part of our daily experience. Please pray for strength for all the staff. Many are weary with the constant pressure, and there is no let up in sight. However, we have unprecedented opportunities for evangelism and the Word of the Lord is being faithfully proclaimed. Last Sunday we had the joy of seeing thirty confess Christ as Savior. Such blessing makes it all worthwhile."

"Trust things are going well at the church and ask you to share our news and give our love and greetings to all at the church."

In Him,
Bob

PHILIPPINES

The following interesting letter was received from Larry and Jan Allen, serving under Wycliffe.

(Address: SIL Box 2270, Manila, PHILIPPINES)

Dear Friends in Christ,

Imagine trying to figure out the rules of chess by watching the champions play. That's not *too* different from what we have been doing lately! Kankanaey is like a game with a very complex set of rules. We've been trying to write down the rules governing morpho-phonemics, semantic particles, glottal infixation, and reduplication. Sound like fun? *We've* really enjoyed it!

We now turn, better prepared, to translating the Gospel of John. We'd like to have the first draft nearly done before our vacation in mid-July. Larry will be doing the preparatory exegesis and rough draft. Then he and Pancho, Mr. Wance's son, will go over it together. Please be especially in prayer for them, so that every error, twisted meaning, and awkward phrase will be eliminated. Pray too that God's living and powerful Word will continue to speak to our hearts as well as to those with whom we work.

In a few days my sister, Brenda, will be arriving in the Philippines to help out in the work at the Bagabag Center. But first she'll be spending a week or two here in Kibungan. You can imagine how delighted we are!

We have gratefully received your gifts of \$50 in March and April. May God bless you as He has blessed us!

Sincerely in His love,
Jan
for the Allen's

Why Do People Come to Church?

A religious census in Houston asked, "What prompted you to select a particular church to be your church home? . . ."

- 3% because of the Pastor
- 11% because it was near their home
- 18% because of facilities
- 27% because they were reared in that faith
- 41% BECAUSE A FRIEND INVITED THEM TO COME WITH THEM.

Better Television Begins With You

Did you know that during the next year on prime time television children will be able to witness the following:

- 1300 acts of adultery
- 2700 sexually suggestive comments
- Sex activity with a ratio of 9-1 outside marriage
- 5000 murders, rapes, beatings, stabbings

The above was reported by Donald E. Wildmon, Executive Director of the National Federation for Decency. He also stated that the big sell on television this fall will be — sex. His observation is supported by a Newsweek article on Television in the June 13 issue of the soap-opera "SOAP" which will be aired on Tuesdays at 9:30 p.m., and which Dale More, president of KMTV in Idaho, calls "a new sewer."

John J. O'Conner of the New York Times writes: "Although violence has been exploited shamelessly, sex has been a relatively

scarce commodity on the medium. But now that violent programming is being widely criticized, more significantly by advertisers (through a lot of pressure from citizens' groups), there are signs that sex is being prepared for the big sell, wrapped in promises of adult candor and mature content."

Christian parents have the following options, as I see it:

1. Supervise the programs your children watch and refuse to allow in your home that which will defile the mind and heart of children — and yourself.
2. Write to the sponsors of programs which violate your sense of decency.
3. Get rid of your TV and invest in good books, games, and other family fun and education.
4. Do nothing — and reap harvest of remorse.

Earl L. Minton

Who Decides How Your Estate Is To Be Used?

You do, if you have made out a proper will. If not, the State decides. Perhaps you have been a faithful supporter of God's work during your life and you would like a portion of your estate, after your death, to continue to further God's work. A valid will guarantees your wishes to be carried out. Cash, stocks, bonds, etc., left to the Christian Catholic Church Missionary Foundation, will further the work of missionary outreach for years and years to come — should the Lord tarry.

Wouldn't you really like the privilege to decide how your estate is to be used, and not the State?

CAMP ZION "A Great Investment!"

With the 1977 camping season half over, all evidence points again to Camp Zion, being one of the greatest investments the Christian Catholic Church has ever made. In terms of evangelistic effort and fruitfulness, Christian growth, personal involvement in the lives of young people, mature Christians serving on staff, and friendships formed, Camp Zion must head the list of Church programs and activities.

In the beautiful setting of Door County with its abundance of trees, bluffs, the lake (or bay) and magnificent sunsets, and free of distractions as from television, God's presence, love, and power are experienced through the love and concern of staff, the informal devotional times in the cabins, and in the morning Bible studies. All this takes place as part of a program that provides the best in fun activities and learning interesting, out-of-door skills.

Camp Zion is the result of vision of the late General Overseer, Michael J. Minter, and is maintained by the consecration of time, effort, and money of many who give of themselves for work parties, or as staff for the camp periods. Praise God for Camp Zion!

Mosquitoes

Oh, Your mosquitoes
are driving me crazy tonight!
I want to rest
in this woodland spot,
so quiet, so lovely,
so filled with Your tranquility —
I cannot
rest for this buzzing throng
of tiny, needled dive-bombers
all declaring war
on me.
Only they would bite me and have
done!
But no, they whine,
peering near and nearer,
when receding,
to reappear
as fast as I start to drowse.
Up, and miss,
thoroughly roused;
sting, and then make off,
only to renew the attack
from another direction.
Oh, why did You make
mosquitoes,
a serpent in this paradise of
beauty?
Oh! It was man that sinned,
and nature fell perforce;
nature that still awaits
with earnest expectation
redemption of our body,
when it, too, shall be freed
from sting of sin.
In the meantime, I have made
of mosquitoes
and other noxious insects
serve as food
for orioles.

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PRAY FOR ETHIOPIA

Ethiopian Interior Mission General
Director, Dr. Ian Hay, has issued a
worldwide call to prayer for
Ethiopia, in light of adverse
conditions that have resulted in a
flood and major cutback in
missionary ministry there.

WHY JESUS CHRIST HAD TO DIE

by Dorothy Harrison

Why did Jesus have to die?
From ages on end comes the cry.
The Bible gives the answer for all to see -
He died, quite simply, for you and me.

Yet simply stated will plainly not suffice
For a reason for a man to give his life.
Surely, the Book shows some signs
Of clear-cut answers in its lines.

In it God says enmity will definitely come
Between mankind and the evil one.
And that "we all like sheep have gone
astray
We have turned everyone to his own way."

Then, because of this that we call original
sin,
I too need escape from the predicament
I'm in.

So, God in His mercy, a way for me made
A path to His presence — straight and
narrow laid.

He called His Son and gave Him the task
Of bearing the sins of all who would ask.
Read it yourself, and feel the weight of
that pall

As you realize "He took on Himself the
iniquity of us all."

But, then throw it off and let the light
shine through
And come to know what He did for me
and you!

He said, "yes," to His Father, and loved
us at a glance.

He made Himself available for our second
chance!

He confirmed the promise set in the
covenant
To be the one witness — the living testa-
ment

Being my justification for living this life
Bringing joy into realms that before were
all strife.

For I had to be made free from sin —
sanctified.

And I had to be made acceptable —
reconciled.

I had to be delivered from eternal dam-
nation — redeemed

And I had to be made other than what I
seemed.

So Jesus was the sacrifice - He was the
lamb.

In Him was gathered all things in heaven
and on land.

The atonement, and foundation stone is
He.

He paid the price; He was the penalty.

He went to the cross where He was
crucified

Suffered mortal agony and there He died.
They put Him in the tomb where so still
He lay,

But over death He was the victor — on
the third day!

He rose incorruptible and showed Himself
alive.

There were many infallible proofs that
from hell He did survive.

For thus it was written and so He had said
That God gave assurance He would raise
Jesus from the dead.

Now, I'm free from the law of death and
of sin.

Free from that state the Hebrews were in.
I'm saved, born again, made clean and
made white

By the fact that He ransomed me and is
my light.

He abolished the enmity in His flesh
(Remind me, Lord, when I gaze at a
creche.)

Assurance is now mine that living or dying
I'll have a place with Him where there'd
be no sighing.

So I'm an inheritor, a prisoner set free.
I'll not be condemned, nor ashamed will
I be.

Because I have a Saviour sent in the full-
ness of time;

Because He adopted me — He in turn
is mine.

Just remember this as you ponder it
through

Things here said use not fiction, they're
true;

And it's not by works but by faith are
ye saved.

The gifts go to those who can say they've
obeyed.

Thank you, Lord, for taking me, one so
poor

And letting me know that Jesus Christ
is the door.

To His name I raise a cry of jubilee
For this I can say; He lives in me!

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